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CHAFEE SECURES FUNDING FOR CULTURAL EDUCATION AT THE TOMAQUAG INDIAN MEMORIAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee announced today that funding requested by him for the Tomaquag Indian Memorial Museum has been granted by the United States Department of Education. The \$49,600 grant will be used for the Nuweetooun School Native Cultural Enrichment Project, which will integrate a curriculum of Native American history and customs in the Nuweetooun School at the Memorial Museum.

“Not only is it important to educate young people in standard subjects such as math and science, it is equally important to give them a foundation in the history and culture of their heritage. Through this grant, students at Nuweetooun will receive a thorough education in their Native American background, giving them a sense of what it means to me a tribal member,” Senator Chafee said.

Through this one-year program, the Tomaquag Indian Memorial Museum will hire a seasoned education consultant to help Nuweetooun School’s staff and Executive Director Develop, test, and implement at least 10 integrated Native American Education curriculum units. Additionally, at least ten visiting artists will be retained to teach Nuweetooun students traditional Native American arts and crafts, such as storytelling, basketry, ceramics, dancing, and music. Guest lessons will be videotaped and added to the School’s library so that future students will benefit from the opportunity to learn from traditional Native American Artists. Some of the funds will be used to enlist one of the School’s teachers in testing and implementing the curriculum units, as well as assisting with the visiting artist series. Quarterly evaluations will be made to make sure that project goals and objectives are being met on schedule.

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